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| In re the application of             | ) | Examiner: John P. Trimmings         |
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| Nai-Yin Sung et al.                  | ) | Group Art Unit: 2133                |
|                                      | ) |                                     |
| For: <b>METHOD TO VERIFY THE</b>     | ) | Confirmation No.: 2688              |
| <b>PERFORMANCE OF BIST CIRCUITRY</b> | ) | Atty. Reference No.: N1280-1490     |
| <b>FOR TESTING EMBEDDED MEMORY</b>   | ) |                                     |
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| Serial No.: 09/883,449               | ) | <b><u>PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</u></b> |
|                                      | ) | <b><u>AFTER RCE</u></b>             |
| Filed: June 18, 2001                 | ) |                                     |
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AFTER RCE**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 19, 2004. A Request for Continued Examination was filed on September 17, 2004 thereby extending the statutory period.

Please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Applicant respectfully requests for re-examination and reconsideration of the application based on the amendments and remarks provided.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this Amendment.